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Applicant:

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IMAGE RETRIEVING APPARATUS, IMAGE RETRIEVING METHOD AND

RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT THE IMAGE RETRIEVING METHOD

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 8, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: